

Southwest Region/Washington County Continuous Improvement/Quality Assurance Team			
Meeting Dates:	6 October 2008 3 November 2008 No Meeting in Dec	Review and Action Plan	Follow-up
Dash Board Items/ Studies:	Minimizing Re-Entry	<p>Oct: Discussed lack of funding for Kin 4 Kids BBQ. Delayed until funding can be found</p> <p>Notified Team that Peer Mentor and Cohabitation Letter were submitted to the State QIC - it takes 30 days for a response.</p> <p>Most recent graduate from TAL is doing very well so far.</p> <p>Nov: Discussed QIC Budget and found that there is enough money to do a Kin 4 Kids BBQ. This will be in the Spring</p> <p>State QIC met and reviewed Peer Mentor Letter and Cohabitation Letter in late October and will respond by the end of November</p>	<p>Funding for Kin 4 Kids BBQ and obtaining a list of all Kin Families</p> <p>Chantel will follow-up to see when letters are reviewed by State QIC and when we should expect a response</p> <p>Suzanne Chavira obtaining a list of all Kin Families is ongoing</p> <p>Chantel to e-mail response to all Team Members as soon as she receives it</p>
	Substance Abuse	<p>Oct: Shirley attending DEC Conference will have a report next month</p> <p>Meth &amp; Families Conference was held in September and was a success</p> <p>Nov: Shirley reported on DEC Conference and mentioned that there is an antibuse for Meth that is still in the research phase but</p>	<p>Next DEC Conference Judge Memorial in SLC August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup></p>

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	Placement Stability	<p>should be available for use in two years</p> <p>Discussion held regarding what happens when a child comes into care from a meth home. Child needs to be completely stripped of clothing and belongings. Clothing available at Youth Crisis and Christmas Box House is working on putting together a clothes closet as well.</p> <p>Oct: Still in need of Shelter Homes. As we get a new home, we lose a new home.</p> <p>Chris Nelson's Family Support Center is hoping to have an Open House this Month</p> <p>Nov: Continued discussion on lack of shelter homes</p> <p>Town Hall Meeting with Foster Parents and Caseworkers to be held at DCFS on December 9<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Discussion was had regarding the Congregate Care Report and how the QIC can support DCFS with these changes</p>	<p>Caseworkers to assist foster homes with access to clothing to make the transition less traumatic for all involved</p> <p>Shelter Task Force to meet again in December</p> <p>Shelter Task Force Met in December will meet on an as needed basis now</p> <p>Invitations to be sent by UFCF to foster parents and caseworkers. Robert to encourage participation by caseworkers</p> <p>.</p>

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	Employee Retention	Oct: Success Night to be in March  DCFS in the process of hiring three new caseworkers, one to replace a caseworker and two to fill additional openings. There could be a possible hiring freeze coming up.	Debbie Hofhines to Look into funding and a date and place for this event All team members to be thinking about nominations for the Success Night  A renewed focus on employee retention should be made by QIC due to possible hiring freeze
<b>Public Relations:</b>	Media Immersion Project Ride-Along Project	Oct: Continuing to look for success stories of youth and families for the Press. It was mentioned that Debbie Hofhines is great at writing stories for the Spectrum  Nov: Continuing to look for success stories of youth and families for the Press	Madonna suggested Matt Eschler's radio show might be good for guest speakers talking about Success Stories
<b>Other Business:</b>	Recruit	Oct/Nov: Ongoing effort to recruit more community members for our team	Debbie Hofhines to invite Foster Care Review Board Members to join our Team